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MINISTER RABIN AT CONCLUSION OF TALKS AT SCHLOSS

GYMNICH, JULY 12, 1975

1. RABIN: WELL, MR. SECRETARY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I AM VERY THANKFUL TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
OF MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO USE MY VISIT FOR ANOTHER
PURPOSE NOT JUST VISITING THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. I THANK
THE SECRETARY THAT FOUND THE TIME TO HAVE THIS MEETING
WITH ME. IN THE MEETING WE HAVE DISCUSSED IN THE WAY
THAT NORMALLY WE DISCUSS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE
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UNITED STATES IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE THE PROBLEMS

OF WE FACE TODAY. WE DISCUSSED VARIOUS ELEMENTS AND ASPECTS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. WE RECEIVED -- THE ISRAELI PART HAS RECEIVED -- CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS. WITH THESE CLARIFICATIONS I AM GOING TONIGHT TO ISRAEL. WE WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS IT THERE, AND THE AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BRING OUR REACTION TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD AND WE HAVE DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING. I AM STILL HOPEFUL THAT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED, BUT WE HAVE TO OVERCOME CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES IN THE ROAD TO ITS ACHIEVEMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2. SECRETARY: I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC FOR MAKING THIS MEETING POSSIBLE. THE PRIME MINISTER AND I HAD A VERY FRIENDLY AND VERY CONSTRUCTIVE TALK. WE REVIEWED ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE INTERIM AGREEMENT, AND WE ATTEMPTED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT ISRAEL HAD PUT TO US EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER RAISED THIS MORNING. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELEMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED, AND THE PRIME MINISTER WILL NOW RETURN TO ISRAEL AND COMMUNICATE WITH US THROUGH HIS AMBASSADOR LATER IN THE WEEK. BUT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW I CONSIDER THE TALKS CONSTRUCTIVE, AND THE ATMOSPHERE WAS FRIENDLY AND WARM AS BEFITS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. QUESTION: MR. PRIME MINISTER, WHAT ARE THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES YOU REFERRED TO?

RABIN: I AM NOT GOING TO ELABORATE ABOUT DETAILS. I BELIEVE FOR THE TIME BEING THE STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ARE ENOUGH. YOU ARE GOING ON THE PLANE, YOU'LL GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO ... (LAUGHTER). SECRETARY: IT MAY PRODUCE A SENIOR OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH THE MIDDLE EAST (LAUGHTER).

4. QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU THINK AN INTERIM AGREEMENT IS CLOSER NOW THAN IT WAS PRIOR TO YOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER?

SECRETARY: WELL, I ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT SOME PROGRESS IN CLARIFYING ISSUES WAS MADE, AND THIS CAN ONLY BE HELPFUL. BUT, OF COURSE, IT DEPENDS ON ALL OF THE PARTIES, AND WE WILL HAVE TO SEE LATER ON IN THE WEEK.

5. QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, (UNINTELLIGIBLE) DO YOU PLAN A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST NOW?

SECRETARY: I SAID THE NEXT EVENT WILL BE THE RETURN OF
THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, AND AFTER THAT WE
WILL MAKE THE DECISIONS OF HOW TO CARRY THE PROCESS
FORWARD.
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